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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This Union of Churches shall be known and distinguished by the style, and title of the Alabama Baptist Association.

II. This Association shall be composed of Representatives, from the Churches in Union.

Each Church shall be entitled to three Delegates, and for every additional hundred members, above the first hundred, shall be entitled to an additional Delegate; but in the business of the Association, whenever the Delegates from any Church of the body shall request it, the vote shall be taken by Churches, and in that event, each Church shall be entitled to three votes.

III. The Delegates when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of a Moderator, and Clerk: these Officers shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are chosen.

Should any event transpire, so as to prevent an annual meeting of this Association, the Moderator shall have power to call a meeting at any time, or place, which meeting, when convened, shall have all the rights of a regular, annual meeting.

IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the Churches, of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies, in all measures of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council; assuming no authority, but what is expressly delegated to her by the Churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact: She nevertheless claims authority ever her own members, the delegates of the Churches, and in justice, and propriety, must have power to withdraw from, and disown all Churches, that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should therefore regard all the Churches, united under the Constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be, to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and other means in accordance with that gospel; to cultivate union, and fellowship, with all the Churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

V. Newly constituted Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations, of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on their sending up their Delegates to an annual meeting, with a petition; and by those Delegates agreeing to the abstract of Principles, adopted by this Association.

VI. The Churches in this union, shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of the Delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dis-

missed, excluded, restored, deceased since last session, and all other information which the Churches may deem of importance, which shall be read, and minuted accordingly.

VII. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the Churches; and all monies thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the Churches, and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive, and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes, a clear, and full statement of all receipts, and expenditures.

VIII. This Association shall furnish the Churches with the Minutes of every Session.

IX. This Association shall take cognizance of no query, sent up from the Churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same, and have failed; nor of any difficulties between Churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the XVIII. Chapter of Mathew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration, and act upon them at her discretion.

X. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association, to keep a regular file of printed Minutes of every Session of this Body, and deliver over the same, to his successor in office.

XI. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form, and amend, according to her own views.

XII. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at a regular meeting of the Association, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the Members present; provided, such alteration, or amendment, be approved by a majority of the Churches.

RULES OF ORDER

For conducting Business; and Decorum in Debate, in the

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

I. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the Delegates names are enrolled, Tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

II. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day, at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the Members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

III. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other Members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, by any two Members; on which appeal no Member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Association.

IV. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

V. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion say no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.

VI. The Moderator shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

VII. In all cases of election, the Moderator may vote; in other cases, he shall not vote, unless the Body be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak to any question, provided he call some other Member to occupy the Chair, while he is speaking.

VIII. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the Delegates; minute the proceedings of the Body, and perform such other duties, as the Association may direct.

IX. The Treasurer shall receive, account for, and pay out, all monies belonging to this body, according to the instructions of the Association, and perform such other duties, as the Association may direct.

X. When any Member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities.

XI. If any Member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any Member may, call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the Member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any Member object, without leave of the Association.

XII. When two or more Members happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

XIII. No Member shall speak more than once to the same question, without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every Member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

XIV. Every Member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association, for special reason, excuse him.

XV. When a motion is made, and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator, and read aloud before debated.

XVI. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair, or any Member, desire it.

XVII. After a motion is stated by the Chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association, at any time before a decision, or amendment.

XVIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, but to adjourn; to lie on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a day certain; to commit, or amend; to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence, in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or postpone indefinitely, being decided shall again be allowed during the session.

XIX. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Assosociation be engaged in voting.

XX. A motion to lay on the table, shall be taken without debate; and shall always be in order, except a Member be speaking, or the body engaged in voting.

XXI. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided whether on appeal, or otherwise, without debate.

XXII. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by Committee, if any; upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

XXIII. No motion, or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

XXIV. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a re-consideration thereof, on the same, or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

XXV. No member shall absent himself from the house, without leave of the Moderator; or leave the meeting, without leave of the Association.

XXVI. Should any Member of this Association, absent himself before the close of the Session, without permission of the Body, he shall be marked in the Minutes, as absent without leave.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction (*a*); that it has God for its Author, (*b*), salvation for its end (*c*), and truth without any mixture of error for its matter (*d*); that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us (*e*); and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union (*f*), and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions, should be tried (*g*).

(*a*) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and *is profitable* for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—2 *Tim.* iii. 16, 17. (*b.*) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost—2 *Peter* i, 21. (*c*) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing ye might have life through his name—*John* xx, 31. (*d*) For the word of the Lord *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth—*Psalm* xxxiii, 4. (*e*) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my Gospel—*Rom.* ii, 10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—*Rev.* xx, 12. (*f*) Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed—*Gal.* i, 9. (*g*) If any *man* preach any other Gospel unto you that that ye have received, let him be accursed.—*Gal.* i, 10.

Art. II. OF THE TRUE GOD.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God (*a*), whose name is JEHOVAH (*b*), the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth (*c*), inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love (*d*); revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection (*e*), and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (*f*).

(*a*) God is one—*Gal.* iii, 20. (*b*) That *men* may know that thou, whose name is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth—*Psalm* lxxxiii, 18. (*c*) For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—*Col.* i, 16. (*d*) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—*Ex.* xv, 11. (*e*) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and

the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 *John* v, 7. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily—*Col.* ii, 9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—*Phil.* ii, 6. (*f*) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—*John* iii, 17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—*Cor.* xv. 3. And was raised again for our justification—*Rom.* iv. 25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—*Heb.* vii 25. It is the spirit that quickeneth—*John* vi, 63.

Art. III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker (*a*), but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice (*b*), being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions (*c*); and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence and excuse (*d*).

(*a*) So God created man in his own image—*Gen.* i, 27. God made man upright—*Ec.* vii, 29. (*b*) In Adam all die—1 *Cor.* xv, 22. There is none righteous, no, not one—*Rom.* iii, 10. Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—*John* viii, 44. (*c*) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—*John* iii, 18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 *Thes.* i, 8. (*d*) And he was speechless—*Mat.* xxii, 12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.—*Rom.* i, 20.

Art. IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace (*a*), through the mediatorial office of the Son of God (*b*), who took on him our nature, yet without sin (*c*); honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death (*d*); being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in Heaven (*e*); and uniting in his wonderful person, the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Savior (*f*).

(*a*) For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God—*Eph.* ii, 8. (*b*) For *there is* one God and *one* Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 *Tim.* ii, 5. (*c*) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—*Heb.* ii, 14. And in him is no sin—1 *John* iii, 5. (*d*) The Lord is well pleased, for his righteousness sake: He will magnify the law and make it honorable—*Isa.* xlii, 21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—*Rom.* v, 10. (*e*) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor—*Heb.* ii, 9. (*f*) For we have an High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.—*Heb.* iv, 15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily.—*Col.* ii, 9.

Art. V. OF JUSTIFICATION.—That the great Gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is Justification (*a*), that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness (*b*); that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness (*c*); that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity (*d*)

(*a*) Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—*Rom.* v, 1. (*b*) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—

Acts x, 30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—*John* iii, 36. Whom God hath set forth to *be* a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—*Rom.* iii, 25. (*c*) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—*Titus* iii, 5. (*d*) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?—*Rom.* viii, 32.

Art. VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel (*a*); that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith (*b*); and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ (*c*), which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation (*d*).

(*a*) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and *there is* none else—*Isa.* xlv, 22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely—*Rev.* xxii, 17. (*b*) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—*Acts* xvii, 30 (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—*John* v, 40. (*d*) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee—*Mat.* xi, 24.

Art. VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be generated, or born again (*a*); that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel (*b*); and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God (*c*).

(*a*) Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God—*John* iii, 3. (*b*) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness—*Eph.* iv, 23, 24. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whether it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit—*John* iii, 8. Every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God—1 *John* iv, 7. If a man love me, he will keep my words—*John* xiv, 23. (*c*) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.—*Eph.* ii. 10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not—1 *John* v, 18.

Art. VIII. Of God's Purpose of Grace.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners (*a*); that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end (*b*); that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy (*c*); that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree (*d*); that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the Gospel (*e*); is the foundation of Christian assurance (*f*); and that, to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence (*g*).

(*a*) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—2 *Thes.* ii, 13. (*b*) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 *Tim.* ii, 10. (*c*) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we shall be holy, and without blame before him in love—*Eph.* i, 4. (*d*) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation

which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (*e*) And they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful—*Rev.* xvii, 14. (*f*) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? *Rom.* viii, 33, 34. (*g*) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure—2 *Peter* i, 10.

Art. IX. Of the Perseverance of Saints.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end (*a*); that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors (*b*); that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation (*c*).

(*a*) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 *John* iii, 9, 10. (*b*) They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 *John* ii, 19. (*c*) God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—1 *Cor.* x. 13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 *Peter* i, 5.

Art. X. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government (*a*); that it is holy, just, and good (b); that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace, connected with the establishment of the visible Church (c).

(*a*) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—*Mat.* v, 18. (*b*) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good—*Rom.* vi, 12. (*c*) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit—*Rom.* viii, 4. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law—*Rom.* iii, 31.

Art. XI. Of a Gospel Church.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; (*a*) governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word (*b*); that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties, are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus (*c*).

(*a*) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints—*Rom.* i, 7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death—*Rom.* vi, 3. Paul, an apostle unto the Churches of Galatia—*Gal.* i, 1, 2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ—*Gal.* iii, 26, 27. (*b*) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 *Cor.* xiii, 4, 5. (*c*) A Bishop then must be blameless—1 *Tim.* iii, 1, 7. Likewise must the Deacons be grave—1 *Tim.* iii, 8, 9, 10; see also *Titus* i, 7, 8, 9. Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an Elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses—1 *Tim.* 17. 18, 19.

Art. XII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father,

Son, and Spirit (*a*); to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our *faith* in a crucified and risen Saviour, with its purifying power (*b*); that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a Church relation, and to the Lord's Supper (*c*); in which the members of the Church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination (*d*).

(*a*) See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him—*Acts* viii, 36, 37, 38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—*Mat.* xxviii, 19. (*b*) Buried with him in Baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead—*Col.* ii, 12. (*c*) Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the DISCIPLES. And upon the first day of the week, when the DISCIPLES came together to break bread—*Acts* xx, 7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 *Cor.* xi, 26. (*d*) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup—verse 28.

Art. XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath (*a*), and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations (*b*); by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public (*c*); and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God (*d*).

(*a*) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day—*Rev.* i, 10. (*b*) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—*Ex.* xx, 8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. (*c*) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow—*Acts* xx, 7. (*d*) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—*Heb.* iv, 9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

Art. XIV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—That civil government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society (*a*); and that magistrates are to be prayed for (*b*), conscientiously honored and obeyed (*c*), except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ (*d*), who is the only Lord of the conscience, and Prince of the kings of the earth (*e*).

(*a*) For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—*Rom.* xiii, 1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. (*b*) I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority—1 *Tim.* i, 1, 2. (*c*) Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—*Rom.* xiii, 5. (*d*) We ought to obey God rather than men—*Acts* v, 29. (*e*) Christ is the blessed and the only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.—1 *Tim.* vi, 15.

Art. XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked (*a*); that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem (*b*), while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are

in his sight wicked, and under the curse)c); and this distinction holds among men both in and after death (*d*).

(*a*) He that is not with me is against me—*Luke* xi, 23. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his—*Rom*, viii, 9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1 *John* iii, 10. (*b*) To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus—*Rom.* iii, 26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God—1 *Cor.* vi, 11. (*c*) Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish—*Luke* xiii, 3. He that believeth not is condemned already—*John* iii, 18. (*d*) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still—*Rev.* xxii, 11.

Art. XVI. Of the World to Come.—That the end of this world is approaching (*a*); that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution (*b*); that a solemn separation will then take place (*c*); that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy (*d*); and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [*e*].

(*a*) But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer—1 *Peter* iv, 7. (*b*) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with a voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 *Thes.* iv, 6. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation—*John* v, 28, 29. (*c*) And before him shall be gathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—*Mat.* xxv, 32. (*d*) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal—*Mat.* xxv, 32. (*e*) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works, and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—*Rev.* xx, 13, 14. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?—*Gen.* xviii, 25.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, ALA. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Delegates composing this body, met with the Baptist Church at Pine Level, Montgomery County, on Friday, the 8th day of October, 1869.

The annual sermon was preached by Elder H. C. Townsend, from Rom. i, 16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

A recess of one hour followed for refreshments, subsequent to which, the Association re-assembled in the house, and after singing a hymn, united in prayer with Elder Matthew Bishop: the body was then called to order by its Moderator, Elder, David Lee; and Elders P. H. Lundy, B. H. Crumpton, and Bro. John K. Barton, Jr., requested to read the letters of Correspondence from the Churches.

The Delegates names were enrolled by the Clerk as follows:

*Denotes absentees. †Denotes absent without leave.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Shiloh Church.—*Elder William C. Cleveland, *C. C. Cleveland, *Levi Stone.

Town Creek Church.—Not represented.

Sister Springs.—Not represented.

Providence.—Letter. No delegate.

Cedar Creek.—W. R. Lee, *L. L. Lee, *I. Ingraham.

Mount Lebanon, Dallas County.—Elder B. H. Crumpton, Thos. E. Williams, *J. W. Smyly, *Rives Crumpton.

Centre Ridge.—Samuel W. Lide, *H. S. Yates, *J. H. Williamson.

Bethany.—*N. L. Brooks, H. W. Caffey, *P. J. Rast.

New Bethel.—*J. R. Crow, W. W. Pruitt.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Ash Creek.—*Francis Gordon, *B. F. Caffey, *A. K. Gordon.

Good Hope.—C. C. Morgan, *Wm. Cheatham, *C. Ellington, *A. Peagler.

Mt. Gilead.—*Wm. B. Haralson, *John A. Edwards, *Jas. J. Barlow.

Benton.—Letter. No delegates.

Steep Creek.—S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock, R. S. Thomas, R. Morrison.

Bethel.—Elder Matthew Bishop, Elder W. W. Lloyd, R. M. Burt.

Hopewell.—Elder David Lee, *C. A. Gunn, *David Lee, Jr., *M. Pruitt.

Hayneville.—Not represented.

Loundesboro.—Not represented.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Montgomery, 1st.—Elder D. W. Gwin, John K. Barton, Jr., J. E. Simpson.

Montgomery, 2d.—Elder H. C. Townsend, J. M. Falconer, *Wm. Loftin.

Unity.—Elder P. H. Lundy, *J. M. Smith, *D. Holt.

Autaugaville.—J. I. Lamar, *J. Nunn, *J. T. Hester.

Midway.—J. M. Browder, *F. M. Nuckolls, *Wm. O'Neill.

Mount Lebanon, Montgomery County.—E. P. Johnson, J. D. Garrod, J. P. Spear.

Pine Level.—Elder T. J. Miles, Elder B. A. Jackson, H. W. Clark.

Elim.—*A. J. McLemore, Wm. G. Worrell, *Moses McLemore.

Liberty.—G. B. Canty, *Harrison Dickey, †J. A. Mitchell.

Salem.—William Jones, *Daniel Meadows.

Bethesda.—*A. Bradley, *O. R. Bell, *W. S. Barton.

Antioch, Montgomery County.—Not represented.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville.—*Elder J. E. Bell, *W. H. Thames, *John Gamble, *A. J. Hawthorn.

Hickory Grove.—Elder J. A. Fonville, J. P. Cross, A. S. Stewart.

New Ebenezer.—James Polk, C. C. Mothershed.

Damascus.—S. F. Andress, J. G. Cook.

Macedonia.—W. B. Bowden, F. L. Ellis, *W. H. Nix.

Antioch, Butler County.—S. Jordan, *E. Hendrix, *J. P. Gafford.

Union.—*Elder J. J. Cumbia, J. C. Ramage, *J. E. Turner.

Philadelphia.—Not represented.

Ephesus.—Not represented.

Sardis.—Not represented.

The next business in order, being the organization of the Association for the ensuing year, the same Brethren who read the letters, were requested to act as tellers; the Officers of last year were unanimously re-elected, to wit: Elder David Lee, Moderator; H. W. Caffey, Clerk; and Samuel W. Lide, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced his thanks in appropriate language; proclaimed the body organized for business; and extended an invitation to Ministers of like Faith, and Order, visiting us, to take seats with the body, and aid us by their counsel.

The regular standing Committees were nominated in the usual manner, and are as follows:

On Religious Exercises.

Thomas E. Williams, J. P. Cross, R. M. Burt, Elder T. J. Miles, with the Deacons of Pine Level Church.

On Missions—[To report next year.]

Elder D. W. Gwin, Elder T. J. Miles, John Garrod, Samuel Jordan, W. W. Pruitt.

On Sabbath Schools—[To report next year.]

Elder H. C. Townsend, Elder M. Bishop, A. S. Stewart, S. A. Satterwhite, J. M. Falconer.

On the State of Religion in the Churches.

Elder B. H. Crumpton, R. M. Burt, Elder W. W. Lloyd, J. C. Ramage, William Bullock.

On Documents.

Elder B. A. Jackson, James Mitchell, Elder J. A. Fonville, R. Morrison, R. L. Thomas.

On Finance.

H. W. Clark, Thos. E. Williams, John K. Barton, Jr.

Auditing Committee.

Elder Matthew Bishop, R. M. Burt, G. B. Canty.

On a call for Correspondence, by the Moderator, the following responded:

Tuskegee Association.—Elder W. H. Carroll, Chas. Haynes.

Salem Association.—No regularly appointed Messengers present, but several Brethren belonging to that body being in attendance, on motion they were recognized as Correspondents; to wit: J. T. Jackson, F. A. Jackson, A. Jackson, Elder G. G. McLendon, Elder J. S. Yarborough.

Pine Barren.—Letter, and Package of Minutes.

Return Correspondence.

Tuskegee Association.—Meets at Auburn, Macon County, on Friday, before 3d Sabbath in October, 1870.

Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder D. W. Gwin, Elder H. C. Townsend, John K. Barton, Jr., Elder T. J. Miles, J. M. Falconer, Elder B. A. Jackson.

Salem Association.—Meets at Farriorville, near China Grove, on Friday, before 1st Sabbath in October, 1870.

Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder J. A. Fonville, H. W. Clark, Elder Matthew Bishop.

Pine Barren Association.—Meets at Pineville, on Saturday, before 3d Sabbath in September, 1870.

Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder B. H. Crumpton, Thos. E. Williams.

Unity Association.—J. A. Smith, D. Holt.

Meets on Saturday, before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1870.

Baptist State Convention.—Elder B. H. Crumpton, Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder D. W. Gwin, Elder H. C. Townsend, Elder Matthew Bishop, Elder W. W. Lloyd, Elder B. A. Jackson, H. W. Caffey, John Gamble, John K. Barton, Jr.

Elder P. H. Lundy was appointed to write the letter of Correspondence to the Convention.

The Committee on Religious exercises reported: Elder W. H. Carroll to preach to-night, at 7 o'clock, in the Baptist meeting house; Elder

J. B. Huckabee in the Methodist's house, to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock A. M.; Elder P. H. Lundy in the Baptist meeting house, Friday night, at 7 o'clock. On Sunday, at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder B. H. Crumpton in the Methodist house of worship, and Elder D. W. Gwin at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Baptist.

Adjourned, on motion, to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Brother D. W. Gwin.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

According to adjournment, the Association again assembled, and after singing a hymn, united in prayer with Elder B. H. Crumpton.

Yesterday's Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

The Roll of Delegates was called, and absentees marked.

The Rules of Order, and Decorum in Debate, were read by the Clerk.

Brother J. I. Lamar read the Report on Missions, which was unanimously adopted.

Elder Matthew Bishop, Chairman of Committee on Sabbath Schools, read an interesting Report on that subject, and submitted the following Resolutions, which were adopted:

1st. Your Committee would affectionately, and earnestly recommend, that the Association set apart half of one day to the interests of Sabbath Schools, at each annual meeting of this body.

2d. That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to prepare a Report of the progress of Sabbath Schools, and also a programme of business, for your next annual Convocation.

3d. It is further recommended that the Churches of this Association form themselves into Bible Classes, to meet every Sabbath, for mutual instruction, adopting the Bible as the Book of the School.

Resolved, We pledge ourselves to each other, to do all we can to carry out the above plan.

Elder D. W. Gwin, in connection with the preceding, introduced the following; which was passed:

It is hereby declared an established order of this Association, that a Mass meeting in behalf of the interests of the Sabbath School cause, be hereafter held at 9 o'clock A. M. on Sabbath, at each Session of this body; and that a Brother be appointed to deliver an address upon the subject.

Elder A. D. Phillips, returned Missionary from Africa, being present, in the Congregation, was invited forward; introduced by the Moderator to the Association, and requested to occupy a seat with us.

Elder B. H. Crumpton, Chairman, read the "Report of State of Religion in the Churches," which was adopted.

The Report of the "Mission Board" of the Association, was read by its President, Elder P. H. Lundy, and approved.

The present incumbents of that Board, were re-appointed for the ensuing year.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator, and resumed business.

The "Report on Documents," was read by Elder B. A. Jackson, and passed.

The Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Reports were read, respectively, and appropriately referred.

The Association, on motion, was resolved into Committee of the whole, to examine the Treasurer's Report.

Bro. Phillips was invited to present the claims of Foreign Missions, to-morrow [Sunday] night, at 7 o'clock, and take up a public collection, in furtherance of that cause.

It was ordered, that the regular time for meeting of this Association, be changed from Friday to Saturday, before the second Sunday, in October, of each year.

The next Session of this body will be held, with the Baptist Church, in Greenville, Butler County, beginning on Saturday, before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1870.

The Committee on Religious exercises, announced Elder William C. Cleveland to preach the Introductory Sermon next year; Elder B. A. Jackson, Alternate.

Elder D. W. Gwin, the Sermon on Missions; Elder B. H. Crumpton, Alternate.

Elder H. C. Townsend, to deliver the address on the subject of Sabbath Schools, at the Mass Meeting, 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, at our next Session.

Bro. A. D. Phillips was requested to make a statement to the Association, in regard to his Mission work in Africa, and presented some deeply interesting, and stirring facts, relative to the progress, and greatly encouraging success, of our Redeemer's cause, among that benighted people. In response to a proposition by Brother Gwin, the Delegates extended the right hand to Brother Phillips, in recognition of him as the Representative of the "Foreign Mission Board," and in token of their sympathy for him in the great, and noble cause in which he is engaged; and to aid the Board in sustaining him, they placed in his hands as a free will offering, $68 95.

It was ordered, that any funds undisposed of, belonging to the Association, be appropriated to Bro. Phillips, in behalf of the African Mission.

Instructions were issued to the Mission Board of the Association, to employ a Missionary for the ensuing year, and an opportunity offered to obtain pledges for his support.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder J. S. Yarborough.

SABBATH.

The Mass meeting in behalf of Sabbath Schools, convened according to appointment, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was addressed by Elders Townsend and Carroll.

At 11 A. M. the Pulpit of the Baptist Church was occupied by Elder Matthew Bishop, and the Methodist, by Elder B. H. Crumpton, and a collection for Missionary purposes taken up, amounting to about $40.

In addition to the above, the Blacks contributed $6 87-100 for the African Mission.

Elder D. W. Gwin preached in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and at 7 A. M., Elder Phillips made a most interesting statement concerning his Mission work among the heathen, subsequent to which a collection was taken up for him, amounting to $87.

OCT. 11TH, MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association convened, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Auditing Committee was read, and adopted.

Roll of Delegates called, and absentees marked.

$25 was appropriated to the Clerk for services, and the remainder of the minute fund ordered to be devoted to printing as many copies, for distribution among the Churches, as it will pay for.

Ordered, that yesterday's collection, taken up for Missionary purposes, be distributed as follows: Associational Mission $5 00. The remainder to be equally divided between the Foreign and Domestic Board.

The letter of Correspondence to the Baptist State Convention was read by Bro. P. H. Lundy, and adopted.

Resolved, That this Association extends its thanks to the Brethren, and Citizens of this Community, for their generous hospitality, and to the Methodists for their courteous tender of their house of worship.

It was resolved: That this body most earnestly requests, through the Delegates, the Deacons of all the Churches not already pledged, to ascertain within the next month, the amounts they are willing to subscribe, payable next fall, for the support of a Missionary within our bounds the ensuing year; and report the same forthwith, to Elder P. H. Lundy, President of the Board, at Greenville, Alabama.

Elder P. H. Lundy, and H. W. Caffey, were appointed a Committee to prepare suitable Resolutions, commemorative of the regret, with which this Association has heard of the death of Deacons Jonathan Mealing and B. B. Rudolph, since its last meeting.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified to learn of the success of Howard College, and heartily recommend the Churches to exert themselves for its continued support.

The following Committee was appointed, to report on the subject of Sabbath Schools, at our next annual meeting: Elder Mathew Bishop, Elder P. H. Lundy, J. M. Thigpen.

It was ordered, that the Constitution; Rules of Order, and Decorum; and Articles of Faith, be published with the Minutes.

The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to correct such typographical errors as exist, in the Articles of Faith.

After an earnest address, and prayer, by the Moderator, the Association united in singing—

"Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;"

extended the parting hand, and adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church, in Greenville, Alabama, on Saturday, before 2d Sunday in October, 1870.

H. W. CAFFEY, Clerk. DAVID LEE, Moderator.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report:

In no age of the world, since the Commission was given to the Apostles, has there been presented so flattering a prospect, for prosecuting the cause of Christ, as at the present time. True, to the casual observer, taking a superficial view of events, as they have transpired within a few years past; the devastation, and ruin, that has swept like a tornado over our Southern homes, making a wilderness, and waste place of many portions of our fair land, it would seem a work of superogation in us, to attempt to assist others; but under the blessing, and fostering care of a kind Creator, our people are again receiving strength, and addressing themselves to the great work that is opening up before them. At the close of the war, the Treasury of the Domestic Mission Board, of Southern Baptists, was left without a dollar, but through the indefatigable efforts of Bro. Sumner, with the Divine blessing upon his labors, life was restored, our cause saved, and Eternity alone will unfold the good that must result.

The Indian Mission is promising much, and we have cheering tidings from the Red men of the forest; they are giving themselves to the service of the Lord, and where our Missionaries are laboring, are cultivating peace, and good will towards their Pale face Brethren. The reports from the Foreign field are encouring indeed; the Secretary, Bro. Taylor, says that at no time has it been in a better condition; and our sacrificing brethren are rejoicing, as did the Disciples, that they are accomplishing so much good.

Opposition is giving way; darkness is yielding to light, and in places where lie the bones of martyred thousands, stands the Minister of everlasting Gospel, with Bible in hand, proclaiming the good news of salvation.

At this time there is being put on foot a work which impresses us with the belief that the hand of the Lord is in it, and which will call for redoubled effort on our part, to meet with religious influences, the thousands of Idol worshipping China, who will soon be in our midst: it may be, that owing to the difficulties in the way of sending them the Gospel, they are to be sent to us, to teach them the way of life, and they in turn transport it to the millions that remain behind. Let us put on the whole armor of God, that we may be prepared for every good work.

Our own Home Mission, within the bounds of this Association, deserves the most earnest, and prayerful attention: it is now nearly thirty years since this Association commenced its operations as a Missionary body; its labors of love have been abundantly blessed, even beyond our most sanguine expectations: its alms, and prayers, have gone up as sweet

incense to the Throne of God, and been responded to by copious outpourings of the Spiritof Grace. Many Churches have been organized thousands of happy converts gathered into the fold, and numbers, no doubt, are singing the song of redeeming grace, in the Church triumphant. The evangelization of the colored people should also be a matter of deep interest to us, and no opportunity neglected to instruct them: in many places they have Churches of their own, and supply themselves with white Pastors. By being patient with them, and showing them proper regard, much good may result.

We refer the Association to the Report of the Missionary, in connection with the Board, for the operations of the closing year.

Brethren! our Fathers who sleep in Jesus, inaugurated this glorious work of sending the Gospel to the destitute; they labored, and toiled in it, and gave freely their substance to support it; they rest from their labors; let us make the work follow them, by pushing it on from where they left it; and whilst every work is now being tried as by fire, and much is being found built of hay, and stubble, let us who are in that temple of which Christ Jesus is the Chief corner stone, show ourselves workmen approved; servants accounted faithful. The Lord has blessed us even in our low estate, and let us contribute freely; give, and it shall be given to us again; and our work shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

J. I. LAMAR, Chairman.

Elder P. H. Lundy offered the following Resolution, which was approved and ordered appended to the foregoing Report:

"It is the sense of this Body, that the "Home and Foreign Journal" be commended to the Brethren in all the Churches, composing this Association, and that the head of every family in connection with them, be urged to subscribe for the same."

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee, on State of Religion in the Churches, report:

It is, as it usually has been, some coldness and some life. On the whole, we think religious prosperity predominates: we base our conclusions on: 1st. On the report of numerous and great revivals in the Church letters. 2d. The amount of contributions sent up for benevolent purposes, which we deem an indication of devotion. The number of dismissions by letter, and exclusion, is considerably above that received into fellowship; but this is owing chiefly to the number of Blacks, who have withdrawn in order to organize themselves into separate Churches; and partly to emigration westward.

While therefore we sustain a loss as a body, from this diminution of members, the Cause itself suffers nothing.

The Country Churches seem to be alive to the importance of a regular preached Gospel; and in several instances have called, and promised to sustain Pastors, for two Sabbaths in the month. There is, however, a

great scarcity of Ministers in our midst, and your Committee would suggest the propriety of direct reference to the introduction of more "laborers into the harvest," in your prayers to the "Head of the Church."

We suggest, also, the expediency of fostering attention to the preparation of such as desire it, for the work.

Respectfully submitted.

B. H. CRUMPTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Soon after the appointment of the present Board, by the last Association, it was organized by the election of P. H. Lundy, President, and John Gamble, Secretary.

A sufficient amount of money not having been pledged, to sustain a Missionary for the year, it was determined by the Board to appoint none for the present.

A meeting of the Board was held the last week in May, and Elders David Lee and Matthew Bishop, were appointed Missionaries for the Association, with directions to visit destitute regions, and Churches, not having regular preachers; and to work together, or separately, as circumstances might require. The same rate of salary was to be paid them, as was given our Missionary the preceding year, and they were not to extend their labors beyond the amount sent up to the Churches, and Pledges obtained for that object. The Missionaries appointed, Elder D. Lee and Matthew Bishop, make the following Report:

Number of miles travelled, about 400 each; Delivered 116 Sermons and Addresses; Visited about 30 Prayer Meetings; Baptized by themselves, and at Meetings attended by them, 27; Received by Letter 11. Bro. Lee reports two months of actual service; Bro. Bishop, one month and ten days. Your Board are of the opinion that the Missionary work within your bounds should be energetically prosecuted.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. LUNDY, President of Board.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee have examined the Documents extrusted to them, and find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

B. A. JACKSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

On Death of Deacons Jona. Mealing and Burrill B. Rudulph.

The announcement of the death of our venerable Brother Mealing was an event not unexpected; having lived far beyond the bounds, [86 years], usually allotted to man, like a sheaf of grain fully ripened, he has been garnered in the skies, and is now entered into that reward, of "joy unspeakable," held in reservation for the "Beloved."

Brother Rudolph's failing health, for many months past, gave his numerous friends sad premonitions of his rapidly approaching end, and prepared their minds, to some extent, for the mournful event; but their loss is his gain, for

> "It matters little at what hour of the day
> The righteous fall asleep; death cannot come
> To him untimely, who is fit to die.
> The less of this cold world, the more of Heaven;
> The briefer life, the earlier immortality."

Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That our sincere sympathies are extended to the families of these deceased Brethren, in their bereavement; and our prayer is, that with humble resignation, they may be "patiently exercised" by this afflictive stroke, so that within their hearts may be engendered the "peaceable fruits of righteousness."

P. H. LUNDY,
H. W. CAFFEY, } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. W. Lide

In Account with the Alabama Baptist Association.

1868. Dr.

To amount	Minute fund sent by Churches		98 05	
" "	Associational fund " "		397 30	
" "	Dom. Mission " "		5 00	
" "	Cash remaining in Clerk's hands, from last year		38 53	
" "	" sent by Town Creek Church for Brother Lee's salary		6 35	
" "	" Rec'd from Churches, after adjournment of Associa'n		116 38	$661 61

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By amount	Minute fund paid Clerk, per receipt		98 05	
" "	Cash paid Brother D. Lee, Missionary, per receipt		435 83	
" "	" Miss. B'rd of Asso'n, for Bro. Lee's salary for 1869, pr. re'pt,		6 35	
" "	" Sumner, for Dom. Missions per receipt		5 00	
" "	" paid Elder D. Lee, per receipt		116 38	$661 61

SAMUEL W. LIDE, Treasurer.

The above account has been examined by the Auditing Committee and found correct.

MATTHEW BISHOP, Chairman.

There is include[illegible] Missions, Ten Dollars pledged by Broth[illegible], and Twelve Dollars, unappropriated funds, sent up by Ash Creek Church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CLARK, Chairman.

The above Report has been examined by the Auditing Committee, and found correct.

MATTHEW BISHOP, Chairman.

The following Cash Contributions, were obtained at various times, during the Session: Contributed by Delegates to Brother Phillips, $155 95; By Blacks, on Sabbath, to Brother P., $6 85; Public collection, Sabbath, $40. Total, $202 80.

Pledges obtained for support of Associational Missionary, ensuing year:

David Lee $25; Bethany Church $50; Ash Creek Church $30; Mount Lebanon, Dallas, $25; Unity Church $25; Hickory Grove Church $20; Greenville Church $20; Mount Lebanon, Montgomery, $20; Steep Creek Church $25; Bethel $20; Bethel Sunday School $5 00; S. A. Satterwhite $5 00; James A. Mitchell $10. Total $300.

For General Domestic Missions, Steep Creek Church pledges, $20.

POSTOFFICE	Baptized.	Rec'd by voucher.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Whole Number.	Sabbath Meeting.
Selma	104	.....	2	.....	7	2	1	25	359	384	4th
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Selma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ambridge	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	71	1st
rmersville	4	2	3	.....	3	.....	1	62	.....	62	2d
asant Hill	.....	.....	1	2	4	1	.....	55	200	255	4th
hmond	1	.....	4	1	303	.....	1	94	.....	91	1st
on	13	.....	8	2	28	.....	1	41	89	130	4th
g's Store	4	.....	1	1	3	.....	3	65	.....	65	3d
n	22	.....	2	.....	32	4	4	43	67	110	2d
ville	17	.....	5	.....	.....	3	2	50	23	73	4th
n	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	2	35	.....	35	3d
n	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8	1	37	17	54	1st
eville	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	1	45	.....	45	1st
Deposit	7	1	3	.....	11	2	.....	166	.....	166	1st
Villing	5	1	4	.....	12	5	1	157	75	232	1st
neville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ndesboro	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
tgomery	26	.....	17	.....	9	1	1	292	.....	292	E.S
ntgomery	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	1	.....	138	.....	138	E.S
tville	3	.....	2	.....	7	.....	1	86	74	160	4th
augaville	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	31	100	131	4th
e Level	1	.....	11	.....	10	1	1	41	.....	41	3d
ner	.....	.....	6	.....	3	.....	1	35	.....	35	3d
e Level	.....	.....	15	.....	23	1	1	60	.....	60	4th
ntgomery	.....	.....	3	1	3	.....	1	10	.....	10	4th
ie Level	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	2	18	.....	18	1st
ntgomery	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	9	.....	9	.....
ntgomery	.....	.....	3	.....	3	4	1	22	.....	22	3d
ntgomery	.....	.....	1	4	9	.....	.....	59	.....	59	4th
reenville	1	2	17	.....	13	3	3	145	.....	145	2d
layneville	8	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	46	3d
Monoroville	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7	.....	46	1	47	2d
reenville	.....	.....	7	2	24	2	2	179	35	214	3d
reenville	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	33	1	34	2d
reenville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monoroville	.....	.....	.....	1	17	1	.....	33	.....	33	1st
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